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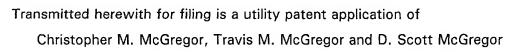
Attorney Docket No. 23758.00120



□ Box Patent Application

• Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:





for: A BIO-METRIC SMART CARD, BIO-METRIC SMART CARD READER, AND METHOD OF USE

ENCLOSED are the following:								
1. $igtriangleq$ Specification, abstract and claims of $\underline{36}$ pages.								
2. 🛛 <u>14</u> s	2. 🛛 <u>14</u> sheets offormal 🔘 informal drawings No drawings.							
3. X Two Declarations (original or copy) by the named inventors								
4. Preliminary Amendment								
5.								
6. Other: Request And Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).								
NOTE the following:								
7. Applicant is a small entity. – 50% Filing Fee Reduction (if applicable)								
8. The prior application is assigned to								
9. This application is a: ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of								
Prior Application 09/843,572 Filed: April 26, 2001								
10. Priority of the following application(s) is (are) claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119:								
Serial No. Date Filed		Country	Filed		of Priority Doc. Date			
 11. An Extension of Time is filed concurrently herewith for the parent application. 12. Cancel claims prior to calculation of the filing fee. 								

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	Total Claims	35	Total Claims Subject to Fees: 15	\$135.00
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X	Basic Filing Fee			\$370.00
	Total Fees			\$523.00

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Method of Use

A Bio-Metric Smart Card, Bio-Metric Smart Card Reader, and

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